

## Surah 74 Surah Muddathir

### THE ONE WRAPPED IN A BLANKET

#### THE LINK BETWEEN SURAH MUDDATHIR AND SURAH MUZZAMMIL

*Surah Muzzammil* conveyed the message that people should regularly recite the Qur'aan and remain steadfast on their belief in *Towheed*. *Surah Muddathir* goes a step further by saying that, not only should people recite the Qur'aan and practise it, but they should also actively involve themselves in propagating *Towheed* as well as every other injunction of the Qur'aan.

#### A SUMMARY OF THE SURAH

The beginning six verses of the *Surah* contain the following primary instructions:

- \* Warn others about Allaah's punishment.
- \* Actively promote *Towheed*.
- \* Proclaim Allaah's purity from all partners.

Thereafter, Allaah gives encouragement to *Rasulullaah* ﷺ in verse 7. Verses 8 to 10 proceed to warn people that the inevitable Day of Judgement will be difficult for the *Kuffaar*. In verses 11 to 16, Allaah severely rebukes those who reject the message of Islaam, more particularly a *Mushrik* by the name of Waleed bin Mughiera. The punishment in store for such people in the *Aakhirah* is then mentioned in verses 17 to 31.

Allaah condemns these people further in verses 32 to 38, after which He conveys glad tidings to the *Mu'mineen* in verses 39 and 40. From verse 41 up to verse 48, Allaah relates how the *Kuffaar* and sinners will admit their sins on the Day of Qiyaamah and realise that they are suffering on account of misguided ways.

The concluding eight verses of the *Surah* describe how the *Kuffaar* flee from the message of *Towheed* and other advice just as donkeys flee from a lion. They foolishly demand that Allaah personally convey the message to them, a demand that will never be fulfilled.

سُوْرَةُ الْمُدَّثِّرِ مَكِّيَّةٌ تَسْتَبِيحُ بِرَمَاةٍ وَخَمْسِينَ قَفِيَّةً بِأَلْفِ كُوفَةٍ  
بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allaah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful

يَا أَيُّهَا الْمُدَّثِّرُ ①

1. O you wrapped in a shawl!

قُمْ فَأَنْذِرْ ②

2. Stand up (among the people) and warn (them about Allaah's punishment for rejecting Imaan).

وَرَبِّكَ فَكَبِّرْ ③

3. Announce the greatness of your Rabb (which is a most important point of your message).

وَنِيَابَاكَ فَطَهِّرْ ④

4. (When preaching Towheed, mind your appearance and ensure that you) Keep your clothing clean.  
(External purity complements internal spiritual purity.)

وَالرُّجْزَ فَاهْجُرْ ⑤

5. (In addition to this, also) Stay away from filth (idols and sin, as you have always been doing).

وَلَا تَمْنُنْ تَسْتَكْثِرُ ⑥

6. Do not give (anything) to others with the intention of receiving back more (from them as a token of thanks).

وَلِرَبِّكَ فَاصْبِرْ ⑦

7. Be patient (endure the taunts and opposition of the Kuffaar) for the sake (pleasure) of your Rabb (for He will reward you abundantly for it).

فَإِذَا نُفِثَ فِي النَّافُورِ ۝٨

8. When the trumpet is blown (to signal the arrival of Qiyaamah)...

فَذَلِكَ يَوْمٌ عَسِيرٌ ۝٩

9. ...that day will be an extremely severe day...

عَلَى الْكَافِرِينَ عَيسٍ ۝١٠

10. ...for the Kaafiroon and it will not be easy.

ذَرْنِي وَمَنْ خَلَقْتُ وَحِيدًا ۝١١

11. (Referring specifically to Waleed bin Mughiera, one of Rasulullaah ﷺ's worst enemies, and to all such Kuffaar in general, Allaah says,) **Leave Me** (to deal) **with the one** (the Kaafir) **whom I have created single-handedly...**

وَجَعَلْتُ لَهُ مَالًا مَمْدُودًا ۝١٢

12. ...and to whom I have granted ever increasing wealth...

وَبَنِينَ شُهُودًا ۝١٣

13. ...Sons (10) who are present with him (to boost his pride)...

وَمَهْدَتُّ لَهُ تَمَهِيدًا ۝١٤

14. ...and for whom I have prepared every type of comfort.

ثُمَّ يَطْمَعُ أَنْ أَزِيدَ ۝١٥

15. He then wishes that I grant him even more (in the Aakhirah).

كَلَّا إِنَّهُ كَانَ لِإِتِنَاعِهِدًا ۝١٦

16. **Never** (shall he receive any good in the Aakhirah) ! He was certainly opposed to (rejected) Our Aayaat.

سَأَرْهُقُهُ صَعُودًا ۖ

**17. I shall soon make him climb a mountain of Jahannam.** (Rasulullaah ﷺ said that the mountain refers to a mountain of fire in Jahannam that will take a person seventy years to climb and another seventy years to descend. This will continue forever without any respite.)

إِنَّهُ فَكَّرَ وَقَدَّمَ ۖ

**18. Verily,** (when Waleed was asked about the Qur'aan) **he thought** (about what to say so that the Mushrikeen are not displeased, even though he knew that the Qur'aan was truly Allaah's word) **and** (finally he) **devised something** (and announced that the Qur'aan was magic and that Rasulullaah ﷺ was a magician).

فَقُنِيَ كَيْفَ قَدَّمَ ۖ

**19. May he be destroyed! How does he plot?**

ثُمَّ قُتِلَ كَيْفَ قَدَّمَ ۖ

**20. May he be destroyed again! How does he plot?**

ثُمَّ نَظَرَ ۖ

**21. He looked** (at the Mushrikeen waiting for his reply) ...

ثُمَّ عَبَسَ وَبَسَرَ ۖ

**22. ...and then frowned** (to show dislike for the Qur'aan) **and scowled.**

ثُمَّ أَدْبَرَ وَاسْتَكْبَرَ ۖ

**23. Then he turned away and was proud.**

فَقَالَ إِنَّ هَذَا إِلَّا سِحْرٌ يُؤْثَرُ ۖ

**24. He said, "This is nothing but magic recounted** (retold) **from** (fables of) **the past."**

إِنَّ هَذَا إِلَّا قَوْلُ الْبَشَرِ ۖ

**25. "This is nothing but the word** (ordinary) **of man."**

سَاصِلِيهِ سَقَرٌ ﴿٣١﴾

26. I shall soon enter *(cast)* him into Jahannam.

وَمَا آدْرَاكَ مَا سَقَرٌ ﴿٣٢﴾

27. What shall inform you what Jahannam is?

لَا تُبْقِي وَلَا تَذَرُ ﴿٣٣﴾

28. It neither spares *(anyone)* nor leaves *(anyone without injury)*.

لَوَاحِئَةً لِلْبَشَرِ ﴿٣٤﴾

29. It distorts the body *(by burning and making the skin red)*.

عَلَيْهَا تِسْعَةَ عَشَرَ ﴿٣٥﴾

30. Nineteen angels are appointed *(as keepers to watch)* over it.

وَمَا جَعَلْنَا أَصْحَابَ النَّارِ إِلَّا مَلَائِكَةً وَمَا جَعَلْنَا عِدَّتَهُمْ إِلَّا فِتْنَةً لِلَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لِيَسْتَفِيقَ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْكِتَابَ وَيَزِدَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِيمَانًا وَلَا يَرْتَابَ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْكِتَابَ وَالْمُؤْمِنُونَ وَلِيَقُولَ الَّذِينَ فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ مَرَضٌ وَالْكَافِرُونَ مَاذَا أَرَادَ اللَّهُ بِهَذَا مَثَلًا كَذَلِكَ يُضِلُّ اللَّهُ مَن يَشَاءُ وَيَهْدِي مَن يَشَاءُ وَمَا يَعْلَمُ جُنُودَ رَبِّكَ إِلَّا هُوَ وَمَا هِيَ إِلَّا ذِكْرٌ لِلْبَشَرِ ﴿٣٦﴾

31. We have made *(appointed)* only angels as the keepers of the Fire *(because each of them is individually stronger than all of mankind and Jinn, and because they never disobey Allaah)*. We have made their number *(nineteen)* only a test for the Kaafiroon *(to see who scoffs at the number)* so that the People of the Book may be convinced *(about the truth of the Qur'aan because the same number is mentioned in their divine scriptures)* and so that the Mu'mineen may be increased in Imaan *(by believing in another verse of the Qur'aan)*. *(The number has been fixed at nineteen)* So that the People of the Book and the Mu'mineen may not doubt *(the words of the Qur'aan)* and so that those with diseased *(hypocritical)* hearts *(the Munaafiqeen)* and the Kaafiroon may say, "What does Allaah intend with this *(strange)* example?" Thus does Allaah send astray whoever He wills *(allows them to stray)* and guides whoever He wills. Only He *(Allaah)* knows the armies of your Rabb *(the number of angels and other forces He uses)*. This *(Qur'aan with all its subject matter)* is certainly advice *(guidance)* for mankind.

كَلَّا وَالْقَمَرَ ۝

32. Indeed, *(I speak the truth)* by the oath of the moon!

وَاللَّيْلِ إِذَا دُبِرَ ۝

33. And by the oath of the night when it retreats *(at dawn to make way for daylight)* !

وَالصُّبْحِ إِذَا أَصْفَرَ ۝

34. And by the oath of the morning when it gets bright!

إِنَّهَا لِأَحَدَى الْكُبَرَى ۝

35. Undoubtedly it *(Jahannam)* is among the gravest matters.

نَذِيرًا لِلْبَشَرِ ۝

36. *(It signals)* A warning for mankind *(that he should avoid everything that leads to it)*...

لِمَنْ شَاءَ مِنْكُمْ أَنْ يَتَقَدَّمَ أَوْ يَتَأَخَّرَ ۝

37. ...*(it is a warning especially)* for those of you who wish to advance *(towards good)* and those who wish to retreat *(move away from good)*.

كُلُّ نَفْسٍ بِمَا كَسَبَتْ رَهِينَةٌ ۝

38. Every soul shall be held back *(in Jahannam)* in custody for his *(evil)* actions...

إِلَّا أَصْحَابَ الْيَمِينِ ۝

39. ...except for the people of the right *(those who will receive their records of actions in their right hands)*.

فِي جَنَّتٍ يُسَاءَلُونَ ۝

مَعَ

40. They will be in Jannaat asking...

عَنِ الْمُجْرِمِينَ ﴿٤١﴾

41. ...the sinners (in Jahannam)...

مَا سَلَكَكُمْ فِي سَقَرٍ ﴿٤٢﴾

42. “What has landed (thrust) you in Jahannam?”

قَالُوا لَمْ نَكُ مِنَ الْمَصَلِّينَ ﴿٤٣﴾

43. They will reply, “We were not among those who performed salaah...”

وَلَمْ نَكُ نَطْعِمُ الْمَسْكِينِ ﴿٤٤﴾

44. “...and we did not feed the poor.”

وَكُنَّا نَحُوسُ مَعَ الْخَائِضِينَ ﴿٤٥﴾

45. “We used to be absorbed (in vain talk) with those who were absorbed (equally vain)...”

وَكُنَّا نَكْذِبُ يَوْمَ الدِّينِ ﴿٤٦﴾

46. “...and we used to deny the Day of Reckoning...”

حَتَّىٰ آتَانَا الْيَقِينَ ﴿٤٧﴾

47. “...until death came to us (only then did we realise the error of our ways, but it was too late).”

فَمَا تَنْفَعُهُمْ شَفَاعَةُ الشَّافِعِينَ ﴿٤٨﴾

48. The intercession of intercessors will not help them (because no one will be allowed to intercede on their behalf).

فَمَا لَهُمْ عَنِ التَّذْكَرَةِ مُعْرِضِينَ ﴿٤٩﴾

49. What is the matter with them that they turn away from the Advice (the Qur'aan)...

كَأَنَّهُمْ حُمُرٌ مُّسْتَنْفِرَةٌ ۝٥٠

50. ...*(so vehemently)* that they seem like wild donkeys...

فَرَّتْ مِنْ قَسْوَرَةٍ ۝٥١

51. ...fleeing from a lion?

بَلْ يُرِيدُ كُلُّ امْرِئٍ مِّنْهُمْ أَن يُؤْتَىٰ صُحُفًا مُّنشَرَةً ۝٥٢

52. In fact, *(before they believe in Rasulullaah ﷺ)* each one of them waits to be given open scrolls *(from the heavens, clearly commanding them to follow him)*.

كَلَّا بَلْ لَا يَخَافُونَ الْآخِرَةَ ۝٥٣

53. Never *(will this never happen)* ! The fact is that *(they refuse to believe because)* they have no fear for the Aakhirah.

كَلَّا إِنَّهُ تَذَكُّرٌ ۝٥٤

54. Behold! This *(Qur'aan)* is the Advice *(for all)*.

فَمَنْ شَاءَ ذَكُرْهُ ۝٥٥

55. So whoever wills should take heed *(because there shall be no separate book for each one)*.

وَمَا يَذْكُرُونَ إِلَّا أَن يَشَاءَ اللَّهُ هُوَ أَهْلُ التَّقْوَىٰ وَأَهْلُ الْمَغْفِرَةِ ۝٥٦

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56. *(However,)* They cannot take heed unless Allaah wills. It is He Who should be feared and He Who forgives.